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Dear Madam/Sir

RE : Response to **FIRST** Written Opinion for  
PCT Patent Application No. **PCT/SG02/00194**  
Applicant : The National University of Singapore et al  
Title : Receiver having a signal reconstructing section for noise reduction,  
system and method thereof  
product thereof  
Our Ref : **1217.P015PCT**

We refer to the above PCT patent application and the FIRST Written Opinion dated 19 Dec 2003.


In response to the FIRST Written Opinion, please find enclosed :

- a) Amendment and Response (6 pages);
- b) Replacement Sheets (Clean Copy) page 21 to 27 of amended claims ( 7 pages); and
- c) Replacement Sheets (Marked up Copy) page 21 to 27 of amended claims (7 pages).

We respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the application by the amendments and remarks.

We look forward to receiving the Examiner's allowance of the Claims 1-34 of the above PCT application. Nevertheless, we request the Examiner for additional opportunities to submit amendments or arguments should the amendments not result in allowance.

Yours sincerely  
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Response to FIRST Written Opinion dated 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2003

PCT Application PCT/SG02/00194  
No.

Applicant : **The National University  
of Singapore**

Application 28 Aug 2002  
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Title : Receiver having a signal  
reconstructing section for noise  
reduction, system and method  
thereof

Authorized Officer **Juzer Khanbhai**

### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

#### In the Claims :

Claim 1 amended to incorporate additional limitations from claim 2 and claim 7 as filed.

Claim 19, 25 and 31 amended to incorporate additional limitations from claim 2 and claim 7.

Claims 2 and 7 are cancelled.

Claim numberings and claim dependencies have been amended in accordance with the above amendments.

Please find attached replacement sheets pages 21 to 26 for renumbered Claims 1 to 34.

### REMARKS

In the FIRST Written Opinion dated 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2003, the Authorized Officer has objected to Claim 1 to 36 for lack of Novelty citing WO95/16259 by Janse, US 56190944 by Mau et al, US 6298050 by van Heeswket al and US 6426983 by Rakib et al. The authorized officer has also further emphasized page 2 line 32 to page 8 line 24 of WO95/16259.